

**Off-Road Vehicle Council**  
**Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021**  
*Zoom Meeting*

**Notice is given** that the Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Advisory Council will convene at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, December 21st, 2021 via Zoom, connection info below.

**Notice is further given** that matters concerning all-terrain vehicle, utility-terrain vehicle or off-road motorcycle issues or the Council's responsibilities that are not on the agenda which arise after the publication of this agenda may be added to the agenda and publicly noticed no less than 24 hours before the scheduled council meeting, if the Council chair determines that the matter is urgent.

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order (at 9:00 a.m.)
2. Agenda repair
3. Public Comments
4. ACTION ITEM: Review and finalize Council's comments on DNR's ATV and UTV Trail Guidelines (*draft on Page 2*)
5. Council members' matters
6. Adjourn

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December 17, 2021

To: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Staff

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Re: Comments-ATV and UTV Trail Guidelines Document

The Wisconsin Governors Off-Road Vehicle Council (ORV Council) appreciates the opportunity to submit our comments on the proposed ATV and UTV Trail Guideline draft.

The ORV Council recognizes all the effort of the Wisconsin DNR Staff and all the Stakeholders that provided input drafting this document.

The Council has been hearing for numerous years from the thousands of ATV and UTV users in Wisconsin that they would like to see a more diverse trail system that includes both developed trails and trails that are primitive and provide more of a challenge to operate on.

We see our charge as ORV Council Members to provide a mix of various levels of trail development. There currently is over 42,000 miles of ATV and UTV Routes throughout the State, in addition, the more developed ATV and UTV trails in the Level 1 and 2 categories are the majority of currently existing trails in Wisconsin. The less developed trails of the Level 3 and 4 categories are underrepresented. These lower developed ATV and UTV trails are being sought after by many riders that seek a more challenging experience.

Wisconsin Administrative Code states that ATV and UTV Trails do not exceed twelve feet in width, the draft document guidelines have a trail width of up to sixteen feet. The Council would like to see the ATV and UTV Guidelines adhere to current Administrative Code.

It is the ORV Council's opinion that a diverse, sustainable, and environmentally responsible trail system can be developed, but this will take planning and challenging work being done by all parties. For the trail sponsors, land managers, grant specialists, and ATV and UTV trail users this is an achievable goal, that we can all work toward accomplishing.

Please feel free to call or contact us for clarification or questions you may have about our input and comments.

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